

SPEAKERS CLASH OVER FORUM BILL

Petworth Citizens Hear Newman and Daniels Challenge Each Other's Views.

Vigorous speech for and against the community forum plan was voiced before the Petworth Citizens' Association last night in the Petworth M. E. Church.

Statements made by Vice President Daniels, of the Board of Education, in opposition to the forum, were challenged by Commissioner Newman, who advocated school house meetings, and each offered to debate the question further.

Commissioner Newman had made a strong plea for the establishment of community forums in Washington. Vice President Daniels followed with a vigorous criticism of the forum scheme, declaring it a fad that will soon die out. He asked that before action be taken by the association, a member of the Board of Education be permitted to give its side of the question.

Commissioner Newman gained recognition immediately after Daniels concluded and agreed that it would be wisdom to have both sides presented, and declared that "come statements made by Mr. Daniels were not justified by the facts."

To this Mr. Daniels replied that he would debate the question with any forum advocate at any time, and Mr. Newman replied that he would furnish the debate.

Gist of Arguments.
Commissioner Newman advocated the forum plan, declaring it affords the various communities of a city small democracies, with the school houses as the capitals and parents as the governing force in the discussion of all topics. Vice President Daniels argued that the schools should be utilized for the education of children. As the first duty of the Board of Education is to the children of this community, he said, its members opposed any plan that would interfere with this duty.

He declared that the board opposed the opening of the schools on Sundays and the employment of the principals of the buildings as executive secretaries of the forums on the grounds that the additional expense was not provided for in the Johnson-Hollis bill.

Surfrage in the district was advocated in addresses by Chas. Brown and A. Lettich Sinclair, and Capt. James F. Oyster spoke briefly of the days he served as a member of the board of education.

Hospital Protests.
Jesse C. Suter reported the progress of the campaign of protest against the location of the proposed municipal hospital in Petworth, between Allison and L'phur and Thirteenth streets and Georgia avenue.

President James vigorously upheld the association's stand against the hospital's location, but maintained that he favored a new building for the unfortunate.

A rose show has been arranged by the association late in May, it was announced by Chairman Humphreys. Resolutions indorsing the central heating and power plant's location, in the Mall was adopted.

Old Dominion Car Strike Is Averted
Recognition of Union by Railway Company Precludes Another Walkout for a Year.

Recognition of the car men's union by the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company late yesterday afternoon not only prevented a recurrence of the temporarily halted strike, but the agreement signed by both parties precludes another walkout for a year.

As a result of the final conference yesterday W. B. Emmert, general manager of the company, and M. F. Patterson and O. F. Carson, representing the unionists, began discussions today looking to a final adjustment of the grievances. If they do not come to an agreement on the demands of the men for a 20 per cent increase in wages and shorter hours, they will submit their differences to a board of arbitration.

Whatever wage scale may be determined upon by the conferees will go into effect on May 1.

The decision of the company to recognize the union was announced at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the unionists who had assembled in Georgetown to resume the strike if recognition was not given.

Passion Week Services
At Douglas M. E. Church

Passion Week services are being held at Douglas Memorial M. E. Church, the Rev. Dr. C. C. McLean, pastor, and tonight the Rev. Dr. J. B. Montgomery, of Calvary M. E. Church, will preach the sermon.

Tomorrow evening the Holy Sacrament will be administered following the sermon by the Rev. Dr. C. A. Shreve. Friday evening the Rev. Dr. J. F. Wright, pastor of Brookland M. E. Church, will preach the sermon.

S. A. R. Head to Give
An Address Tonight

Newell B. Woodworth, president general of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution, will address the local chapter tonight.

Mr. Woodworth was the guest at a dinner given last night at the Army and Navy Club. National preparedness was indorsed by the speakers, who included Admiral C. M. Chester, A. Howard Clarke and Mr. Woodworth.

Rear Admiral Blue to Return to Sea Service

Rear Admiral Victor Blue will retire from his position as chief of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department at an early date, and will be assigned to sea service.

He is slated for command either the Arizona or the Nevada, two of the big new ships of the navy.

The name of Capt. William Sims, commanding the Nevada, has been suggested as a possible successor.

Elks' Easter Dance.
Novel features will mark the Easter dance of the Washington Lodge, E. P. O. E., the committee in charge has announced. The dance will take place Friday night, April 28, at the Elks' clubhouse, 921 H street northwest.

PLAN BIG NATIONAL HORSE SHOW HERE

Judge W. A. Moore and Others Propose New Project For National Capital.

Judge William A. Moore, millionaire horseman of Philadelphia, and prominent Eastern and local owners of thoroughbreds, are planning the organization of a great national horse show for Washington.

Purchase of the property now leased by the National Capital Horse Show, in the block between C. D. Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets northwest, at an estimated cost of \$125,000, and expansion of the activities of the existing association until the local shows shall eclipse all exhibitions of the kind held anywhere in this country, is the plan of the promoters.

While negotiations are not expected to materialize before the next show, which is to be held May 6 to 11, there is every prospect that the association will be intrenched in quarters of its own by next year. The organization plans provide for the formation of a stock company, and it is understood that practically the entire contemplated issue has been subscribed. Judge Moore has indicated a willingness to take a large block of the stock, and an official of the show, it is understood, has applied for a \$25,000 slice of it.

The show this year will be the largest ever held in Washington and probably the largest open-air show of the kind ever held in the United States, but the management is not satisfied with this. It believes that Washington, on account of its location between two great horsebreeding belts, is the logical place for the meeting of owners and the most desirable place to stage contests between the most valuable thoroughbreds produced in America, or at least this side of the Mississippi river.

Judge Moore is expected to attend this year's show, as he has applied for a number of entry blanks. Many Eastern owners are coming, and the number of fine harness horses and hunters to be exhibited here will exceed the showing of last year.

President of Cornell Club Makes Address

Dr. Howard E. Ames addressed the Cornell Club at its weekly luncheon yesterday in the Ebbitt. Dr. Ames, who is president of the Cornell Club, was a member of the class of 1872.

Paul B. Smith, bridge engineer for the Southern railway, also spoke. The weekly tea of the club is to be held this afternoon in the club rooms at 1504 H street, from 4 to 6.

MOTHERS' CONGRESS FOR CHILD LABOR BILL

Keating and Others Declare Measure Will Stand Test of Courts.

Resolutions indorsing the Keating child labor bill, prohibiting interstate commerce in the products of child labor, were adopted by the District Congress of Mothers at the Raleigh yesterday.

The resolutions were passed after a discussion of the measure by Congressman Keating of Colorado, its author, and Mrs. Henry T. Rainey, wife of Congressman Rainey of Illinois. Mrs. Rainey is chairman of the child labor committee of the congress.

Congressman Keating declared that the framers of the measure were certain that the bill, if enacted into law, would stand the test of the courts in that goods produced by children "have a moral taint, if not one that is discernible to the naked eye or the microscope."

Ernest H. Daniel, member of the Board of Education of the District, told the congress why the board refused use of the public schools on Sundays for community forum meetings.

Mr. Daniels said the aim of the board was to do what the people of the District wanted. He explained that the board did not think the public wanted the schools opened on Sundays.

Mr. Daniel also pointed out that the opening of the schools on Sundays would bring increased hours of labor for janitors and other school employees, and there was no money to compensate these employees for their added duties.

Mrs. Giles Scott Rafters, president of the congress, presided. Mrs. Marie L. von Unschuidt, a delegate from the congress to the recent convention of the national congress at Nashville, Tenn., reported upon her work there.

PURSE SNATCHERS. AGAIN WORK HERE

Two Women Victims of Highwaymen in Northwest Section of the City.

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Mrs. Dalsh was walking in Sixteenth street, between M and N streets northwest, when a colored boy grabbed from her hand a leather bag containing \$5.46, a key and car tickets.

Mrs. Dalsh screamed, and Policeman Clark, of the Eighth precinct, stationed near the Russian embassy, gave chase. The boy ran into the alley between Fifteenth, Sixteenth, M and N streets, and eluded Clark. The purse, however, was found in the alley unopened, where the boy had dropped it in his flight.

Mrs. Dalsh has given a description of the boy, and the police of every precinct have been instructed to search for him.

Miss Grace Wimer, of 1223 Twelfth street northwest, reported to the police that her leather purse was snatched from her hand by a colored man on Twelfth street between K and L streets, northwest, at 8:30 o'clock. The man escaped. The pocketbook contained \$2, keys, a watch and fob.

Tomorrow "Garden Day" In Schools of District

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"In view of the value of the home garden to the home, the child in the home, the local community, and to the city as a whole, it seems right that a public school should give formal recognition to the subject. I request, therefore, that Thursday, April 20, be recognized as garden day. The class work on the day mentioned should have to do in part with gardening. Oral and written English, literature, spelling, and arithmetic offer opportunities that will be evident at once to the average teacher. Work may be done, also, on school gardens, and brief visits may be made to nearby parks, or to excellent samples of home gardens which citizens of the neighborhood may be willing to show to groups of children."

Mine Expert Sees Oil Supply on Decrease

Prospects of a decrease in the price of gasoline are slim, according to Van H. Manning, head of the Bureau of Mines, who gave out a statement yesterday expressing the belief that the crude oil supply of this country will last only twenty-seven years more.

Hope of reducing the price of gasoline must be centered in the Rittman process, says the director of the bureau. This process gives promise of increasing the yield of gasoline from crude oil.

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